

construction of a branch of said railroad from some point on its main line in the county of Robeson or the county of Cumberland, through the townships of Hollow, Bethel and Elizabethtown, in Bladen County, to the town of Elizabethtown, in Bladen County, the said 'Hollow-Bethel-Elizabethtown Public Improvement District' may subscribe a sum of money, bonds, securities or other property to the capital stock of said railroad company which may contract to construct said railroad, either in money, bonds, securities or other property, in the following manner: Upon the presentation of a petition in writing, signed by not less than ten per cent of the registered voters as shown by the registration books of the townships of Hollow, Bethel and Elizabethtown, in Bladen County, for the general election in November, one thousand nine hundred and eight, to the Board of Commissioners of Bladen County, requesting them to submit to the qualified voters of the territory embraced within the said district hereinbefore mentioned a proposition to subscribe a definite sum, to be named in said petition, and whether in money, bonds or otherwise, the Board of Commissioners of Bladen County shall within twenty days order an election to be held within the territory embraced in the said district, as hereinbefore set out, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified voters therein the question of a subscription to the capital stock of said railroad company which shall contract to build said railroad as hereinbefore mentioned, the amount specified in the petition, at which election all qualified voters who are in favor of such subscription shall vote a ballot on which shall be written or printed the words 'For Subscription,' and those opposed to such subscription shall vote a ballot on which shall be written or printed the words 'Against Subscription'; and the election for this purpose shall be conducted in the same manner and subject to the same rules and regulations as is now provided by law for the election of members of the General Assembly. Such election shall be held after thirty days' notice thereof, specifying the amount of the proposed subscription, and if the same is to be made in bonds, the terms of the said bonds as to rate of interest and time of payment, shall have been posted at the courthouse door of Bladen County and at the regular polling places in Hollow, Bethel and Elizabethtown townships, in said county, and the said election shall be held at the regular voting places now provided by law in the said townships of Hollow, Bethel and Elizabethtown, and all the qualified voters in each of the said townships shall vote at the respective voting places in said townships, and the returns of the said election shall be made in duplicate to the Board of Commissioners of Bladen County and to the County Board of Elections of Bladen County. If a majority of the qualified voters within the said territory shall vote 'For Subscription,' then the Board of Commissioners of Bladen County shall, at any regular meeting or at a

Petition for election.

County commissioners to order election.

Ballots.

Law governing election.

Notice of election.

Voting places.

Returns of election.

Duty of county commissioners if subscription is voted.